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The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any  
applications from which this prior application may claim  
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- ☐ Amendment Before First Office Action
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Idemitsu Petrochemical Co., Ltd.
- ☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card
- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japanese Application No. 10-180639, filed June 26, 1998.  
☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. PCT/JP99/03400, filed June 25, 1999.

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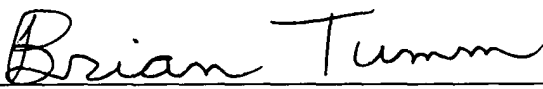
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